

16 KAR 2:060. School nurse.

RELATES TO: KRS 161.020, 161.030

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.020, 161.030

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.030(1) vests the Education Professional Standards Board with the authority to certify all teachers and other professional school personnel in the public schools. KRS 161.030(2) requires the Education Professional Standards Board to establish standards and requirements for obtaining and maintaining a certificate. KRS 161.030(1) requires all certificates to be issued in accordance with the administrative regulations of the board. This administrative regulation establishes the standards for the issuance of a certificate for the position of school nurse.

Section 1. Definition. "Related Field" means an area that is applicable to the area of "nursing practice" as defined in KRS 314.011(6), including psychology, biological, physical, or social sciences.

Section 2. Requirements for the Provisional Certificate for School Nurse. (1) The provisional certificate for school nurse shall be issued upon application to the Education Professional Standards Board using the "Form TC-1, Application for Kentucky Certification or Change in Salary Rank".

(2) The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued for a period of five (5) years to an individual upon application and submission of proof of the following:

(a) A valid license as a registered nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing;

(b) A minimum of a diploma or Associate's Degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing; and

(c) A minimum of three (3) years of nursing experience within the last five (5) years.

(3) The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be renewed for subsequent five (5) year periods upon application using "Form TC-2, Application for Certificate Renewal/Duplicate", and upon submission of proof of the following:

(a) A valid license as a registered nurse from the Kentucky Board of Nursing; and

(b) Fifteen (15) credit hours of coursework from an accredited Bachelor of Science program in nursing or a related field leading to a Professional Certificate for School Nurse.

(4) The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued at Rank III.

Section 3. Requirements for the Professional Certificate for School Nurse. (1) The Professional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued upon application to the Education Professional Standards Board using form TC-1.

(2) The Professional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued for a period of five (5) years to an individual upon application and submission of proof of the following:

(a) A valid license as a Registered Nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing;

(b) A Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing or a related field from an accredited school of nursing; and

(c) Either one (1) of the following;

1. Three (3) years of post-baccalaureate nursing experience within the past five (5) years; or

2. School Nurse Certification from the National Association of School Nurses.

(3) The Professional Certificate for School Nurse shall be renewed upon application using form TC-2 and submission of proof of the following:

(a) A valid license as a Registered Nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing;

(b) Three (3) years of experience as a school nurse during the past five (5) years; and

- (c) Either one (1) of the following:
 - 1. Seventy-five (75) contact hours of nursing continuing education; or
 - 2. Nine (9) credit hours of course work from an accredited college or university related to school nurse practice.
- (4) The Professional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued at Rank II.

Section 4. Requirements for the Advanced School Nurse Certificate. (1) The Advanced School Nurse Certificate shall be issued upon application to the Education Professional Standards Board using Form TC-1.

(2) The Advanced School Nurse Certificate shall be issued upon application and submission of proof of documentation of completion of one (1) of the following two (2) options:

(a) Option 1:

- 1. A valid license as a registered nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing;
- 2. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing; and
- 3. A Master's Degree in a related field; or

(b) Option 2:

- 1. A valid license as a Registered Nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing; and
- 2. A Master's Degree in Nursing.

(3) The Advanced School Nurse Certificate shall be issued for an initial period of five (5) years and shall be renewed for subsequent five (5) year periods upon application and submission of proof of the following:

(a) A valid license as a registered nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing; and

(b) Three years of experience as a school nurse within the most recent five (5) year period.

(4) The Advanced School Nurse Certificate shall be issued at Rank I.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Form TC-1, Application for Kentucky Certification or Change in Salary Rank", 10/2005; and

(b) "Form TC-2, Application for Certificate Renewal/Duplicate", 10/2003.

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